

Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)
Resident Advisory Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FCHRA RESIDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

On May 4, 2004, the members of the FCRHA Resident Advisory Council met at 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, VA at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cynthia Thompson, Nancy Vaughn, Paulette Whiteside, Gulshan Khan, Khadijah Baltrop, Sandie Simpson, Vasantha Mba, Calvin Nokes, John Croley, Jersuaalem Tegbaru, and H. Charlen Kyle.

ABSENT: Jennifer Waitt, Pam Cave, Lisa Bathen and Donna Dye

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Whiteside called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council member Nokes made a motion to accept the February 24, 2004 minutes. Council member Simpson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review items dealing with Housing Management issues going to the Housing Ownership Management and Security Committee meeting and the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority meeting.

Coan Pond item – item was presented in February 26th meeting. Senior staff requested that we hold the item until the May meeting so we are presenting it for the May 20, 2004 FCRHA meeting. The only change to the item from the previous item seen is that there was a five year cap attached to the item. The item would then be represented to the FCRHA with a recommendation of whether to continue, modify or discontinue the program.

How long is the waiting list for the SRO units? Is the SRO concept something that we should expand on?

Lease Item – Discussion of the overall changes to the Lease and that it will not go into affect until July 1, 2004.

Status on the New Intake Housing Application Process – Provided the actual numbers of on-line applications compared to paper applications. The day the list opened on March 10th the two processes were split 50/50. As the days passed there were more applications put on line than there were done on paper. Currently there are 5,580 applicants on our waiting list.

Presentation on the REAC Surveys

Staff reviewed the fact that it was time once again for HUD to start the REAC surveys that get mailed to a sampling of Public Housing residents. Staff stressed the fact that if they or any of their neighbors receive a survey they should make sure they mail them back with their responses.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS: Looking for the status on the grievance panel. Staff is finishing out their schedules with existing staff and the CSP. In the process of hiring the hearing officers that are needed. Will then get the RAC volunteers on the schedule for the grievance panel.

HUD's inspector generals office, is gearing up to prosecute for fraud. (Income match up) Get the word out to residents. This is one of the reasons exempt incomes now need to be listed.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Whiteside adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.